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1. Haiduk (fnm), representative of the KPOs Stadtleitung (Communist Party City Directorate) Vienna, who recently returned from Moscow, addressed a meeting of Waagner Biro factory officials on 11 June 1951, citing the following Party stand on the coming wage-price negotiations: The KPOs must delay the fifth wage-price pact in order to allow time for gauging the feeling of the general mass of workers concerning new strikes. The Orgleiter of various factory organizations were required to submit complete reports on the following subjects by 1 July 1951:

- a. Attitude of Party organizations, especially in USIA plants
- b. Estimate of non-Communist support in the case of new strikes.

Comment: The KPOs will not risk a general strike now, unless it is certain of better results than those obtained in October 1950. KPOs leaders probably doubt, and with good reason, that a new strike would receive much popular support. USIA workers, in particular, are against a new strike, since they have not been paid, as promised, for the time lost in the last strike.

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